
Jimmer Fredette Revisited

Posted by huskercougar - 2008/02/18 15:57

I know this has been talked about before, but Jimmer needs to get way more playing time, and is definitely good enough to be starting. I hope that everyone doesn't try to bring some useless stats into this discussion. He should be starting at point guard over Ben Murdock. He is better than him right now, and gives BYU the best chance at winning. I know he might make a couple more mistakes than Ben might, but he is also going to make more plays. Just a few thoughts about things he is better at than Murdock:

1. Shooting- He is definitely a better and more confident shooter than Murdock. Murdock is scared to take a shot.
2. Dribble penetration- This is huge!! This is the one thing that BYU really lacks, and Jimmer has shown that he can consistently get to the rack, where he is a good finisher, or can dish it or kick it out.
3. Defense- He really stays in front of his guy, and has a big enough body to man up.
4. Rebounding- For obvious reasons. Just bigger.

I have nothing against Murdock, but he was never supposed to be a starting point guard for a big time Division I program. Jimmer is the real deal, and should be starting.

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Posted by THEmmb - 2008/02/18 17:46

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Posted by WinnemuccaCougar - 2008/02/18 18:00

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Is there any word on TP coming or going next year?

I imagine a lot of it has to do with the camps and the performance in the tourney.

TP is the prototypical camp performer so I would not be terribly surprised to see him declare.

I don't think he declared last year, so he can still declare this year and return to college if things don't look too promising (assuming he doesn't sign an agent.)

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Posted by kenj - 2008/02/18 20:39

I love BYU basketball. I have season tickets at the Air Force Academy so I get great tickets when BYU comes into town. I do not pretend to know more than Coach Rose. I believe if Jimmer was going to get him 1 more win he would start. I believe if Jimmer would extend the lead in games we would win anyway coach would start him. The fact that he doesn't start is because the best coach in the history of BYU has decided that he doesn't deserve it. End of story as far as I am concerned. Go Cougs

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Whatever! That never works for anyone!, like the San Antonio Spurs per say! And to the last poster---props on your comments as well.

-Golden

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Posted by Cornellcoug - 2008/02/18 21:32

I am not sure where the haters are coming from. I think that Murdock is the perfect point guard for this team. His assist to TO ratio is amongst the best in the league. He plays heads up defense and is fine letting the big 3 take the glory while he sets up the plays. Jimmer is a great ball player, but he is a 2 guard and not a point. You do not want your point, especially at BYU, to be a shoot first type of player. Jimmer will probably never play point as a starter at BYU and next year I would imagine he will start at the 2 guard with Lamont Morgan playing the point, Cummard at 3, JT at 4, and Plaisted if we get him back at 5.

Re:Jimmer Fredette Revisited

Posted by Yndian - 2008/02/18 21:36

I agree with Hengst; I really liked the rotation on Saturday. It doesn't really matter if Jimmer starts if he plays 20+ minutes like he did against UNLV.

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Agreed. Bringing Jimmer off the bench can provide a spark - much like JT did last year. Plus, look how long it has taken JT to be "molded" into a starting role and have the same impact he had last year off the bench. I think starting Jimmer at this point in the season would not be a smart move. The team is playing great together right now and changing the starting lineup and/or the rotation off the bench could hurt the effectiveness of the team. However, I am all for Jimmer getting twenty plus minutes a game - much like Saturday vs UNLV.

Also, our defense has been winning a lot of games lately - which a lot of that defensive effort has come from Murdock and Burgess shutting down the opponent's top scorers.

Re:Jimmer Fredette Revisited

Posted by Short_Changed - 2008/02/19 09:35

Assist to turnover ratio would be my biggest concern. Murdock has 100 assists to only 37 TO's while Jimmer has 40 assists to 29 TO's. Fredette is a better scorer but he doesn't take care of the ball as well as Murdock. The difference between Burgess's shooting and Fredette's shooting as far as percentages go is almost the exact same difference as Fredette's shooting and Murdock's shooting.

I think some of you are exaggerating other team's gameplan for Murdock. You make it sound like no one guards him. That's a bunch of balogna. When you're the point guard, you always have someone in your face. When Murdock does shoot it, it's the times when he is wide open, which isn't that often if you look at how many times he's shot the ball.

I love Jimmer right now as the back up SG/PG where he can get some good minutes and bring some needed energy off the bench. If it isn't broken, then don't fix it!

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I think basically everything you said is true, which is why I like the rotation so much. Essentially I think Murdock is the more seasoned and better point guard, but Ferdette does give us that duel threat. I like seeing him get time at point and

at the 2. If this rotation keeps up it will be sort of reminiscent of the Trent Whiting Martinaue rotation from 2001, which was a great rotation. I even like what lloyd brings to the table. I think we're in good shape at the point going into the tourney, now if we can just get trent to start making that hook shot again :-)

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I think that's more of a compliment for Trent and a result of Cumnard being in foul trouble and JT shooting poorly than a diss on Murdock. Also, Murdock hit 2 threes (Fredette shot the ball 4 times in that game, all of them were 3's and he only made one of them) in the MSU game and scored 8 pts, tied for his second highest total in a game. I'm not saying that teams don't game plan for Murdock, but people exaggerate that game plan. I've watched almost every game and there are few times that Murdock doesn't have a guy right on him. The times he shoots the ball are when he's open.

With that said, Murdock needs to play like he did vs CSU. Murdock could learn some things from Fredette and Fredette could learn some things from Murdock. I like both but don't think a change in the starting line-up would be a good idea right now.

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On the topic of Jimmer. The guy is awesome. Unless Rose changes the role of the PG at BYU Jimmer would be a waste of talent at the position. A BYU PG's job is to pass, pass and pass some more. There was a thread on this earlier and if I remember correctly the highest average for a BYU PG in the last 10 years was something like 7 or 8 points a game.

Jimmer is a natural scorer and capable of 3 times as many points per game than the traditional BYU PG. If Rose changes the way BYU uses a PG then I am all for Jimmer playing point. Otherwise, keep Jimmer at the 2 and watch the score board.

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Understood. My apologies for the misinterpretation. I agree in that it's been an adjustment for him adapting to a starting

role. He's a passionate individual (as are most Brazilians) so he carried a lot on him. It's good to see him out of his funk. I just hate hearing the stories of people yelling at JT at home games to not shoot the ball, etc. He's a 20 year old guy playing ball because he loves to do it. He doesn't get paid to do it (unless you count a scholarship) and I think booing or chanting criticisms at your players is in poor taste, especially college players. Reserve those feelings for private conversations and fan websites. :lol:

As far as putting Jimmer in the starting lineup. I'm all for playing whoever is best. If Jimmer is doing better than Burgess then start Jimmer and vice versus.

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